

# ***Template Letter Requesting Permission of Homeowner and Resident for Access***

«LtrDate»

«OWNERContact»  
«OwnerAddressee»  
«OwnerTown»

«RESContact»  
«SmpAdd»  
«SmpTown»

**Re: Access Agreement**  
«SmpAdd»  
«YardID»

Dear «Salute»

The Big River Mine Tailings Action Soil Removal and Replacement Work Plan is being conducted pursuant to an Unilateral Administrative Order issued by US Environmental Protection Agency. Soil and Land Services, LLC (S&L) is performing this work related to a remedial action to remove certain soil in residential yards in St. François County, which may contain elevated lead concentrations. Test results of soil on the above referenced residential property indicate that your yard should be included in the remedial action.

If you agree to allow portions of your yard soils to be removed and replaced, the identified areas will first be resampled to ensure that the yard will not be over-excavated. The results of this sampling will be shared with you prior to any excavation.

In order to facilitate and document the work, a written record will be made of the condition of the property prior to start-up, as the work proceeds, and on completion. This will enable us to ensure that the work is performed according to plan and in a manner satisfactory to you. Additionally, photographs may be taken and/or a video record may be made showing plants, shrubs, trees and other structural features of your yard and house.

For us to proceed, we need your permission authorizing us to enter your property and perform the work, and your commitment to participate and cooperate with the clean-up plan. Your permission also authorizes S&L's parent company or their representatives and S&L's contractors and subcontractors to enter your property to perform work and EPA, MDNR, and/or their representatives to enter your property and conduct oversight of our activities.

If you have any questions or concerns about the remedial action or the work plan for your property, please contact Chris Neaville, Project Coordinator, at 314-453-7132. You may also contact Jason Gunter, EPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM) On-Scene Coordinator at (913) 551-7358. If you believe this letter has reached you in error, please notify us so that we may contact the correct owner or resident.

Sincerely,  
**SOIL AND LAND SERVICES, LLC**

Chris Neaville  
Project Coordinator

# BIG RIVER MINE TAILINGS ACTION SOIL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT WORK PLAN

«SmpAdd»  
<YardID>

## WITH ESTIMATED TIMETABLE FOR ACTION (The timetable will be updated based on participants)

The Big River Mine Tailings Action Soil Removal and Replacement Work Plan is being conducted pursuant to an Unilateral Administrative Order issued by US Environmental Protection Agency. The soil removal and replacement action should proceed over the next several months, depending on weather conditions, especially rain.

The soil removal and replacement work can generally be completed within a week per property; however, circumstances may dictate that the work takes longer. Multiple yards may be worked on at the same time. This work will be done in two stages. The first stage will be to remove the affected soil. The second stage will be to replace that soil with new soil. Seeding and strawing of the yard will be done at the end of the work.

The timetable may change due to a variety of circumstances; however, homeowners will be notified of our progress. The work in your yard will include:

- Resampling the area of the yard to be excavated and surveying the exterior of the residence for lead paint, if needed;
- Removal of soil in «Specific parts of the yard» (see attached drawing) to a depth of up to 24 inches, though typical depths are 6 to 12 inches; and,
- Seed and place straw, as appropriate, in areas where soil is removed.

Items for homeowners to be aware of while work is being performed on their yards:

1. Once removal work in your yard starts, the process will consist of removing the old soil, putting in new soil, preparing a seedbed, and seeding and strawing the yard.
  - a. Small children should not be allowed to play in the soil until after the work is complete and new grass has been fully established.
  - b. Children should be kept away from the equipment and any work area.
  - c. Workers removing old soil may wear respirators due to dust.
  - d. Workers will be monitored for exposure to lead. Past monitoring has not indicated detectable levels of lead in air.
2. Prior to the start of work on your yard, our workers will identify any moveable items in the yard that could obstruct the yard work. Since these items must be moved out of the way, we would appreciate your assistance in removing items from the yard that may interfere with the yard work. Cars will also need to be moved away from the area of the yard that is being worked on so that workers can get equipment into and out of the yard.

### SOIL AND LAND SERVICES, LLC

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Chris Neaville, Project Coordinator

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Date

Approval, permission and commitment given

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Owner(s)

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Date

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Resident(s)

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Date